of the outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 80.30 crore; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to recover the dues without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. ITC Limited have filed a writ petition in the Allahabad High Court challenging the demand for Rs. 80.30 crores and the writ petition is yet to come up for hearing.

(c) Recovery of dues is a continuous process. Legal administrative and other steps as are considered necessary from time to time are taken to recover the dues.

Mobilisation of Deposit by Banks

1686. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total deposit mobilised by the scheduled commercial banks, State-wise as at the end of March, 1988;

(b) what is the total credit advanced, State-wise during the same period;

(c) what is the State-wise credit-deposit ratio during the same period;

(d) whether in this sphere some States and regions are lagging behind others; and

(e) if so, what are the factors responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) State/Region-wise deposits, advances and credit deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks as on the last Friday of March, 1988 are set out in the Statement. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 78.]

(d) and (e) The inter-State/Regional disparities in the credit: deposit ratio are on account of different level of economic development, supporting infrastructure for various activities, entrepreneurship and the extent of incentives offered, which in turn influence the credit absorption capacity of the area.

Inactivity of Lodhi Colony Police Station

1687. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the letter published in Indian Express of the 28th June, 1988 regarding inactivity of Lodi Colony Police Station when two foreigners complained about robbery by a scooter driver on June 8, 1988; and

(b) if so, what action was initiated against the erring police officers and the efforts made to apprehend the scooter driver?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 8-6-88, two foreigners (women) reported to the Police that they had hired a three wheeler scooter from Palam Airport to Palika Niwas, and had forgotton to unload their bag, which contained some cash and vital travel documents etc. The registration number of the Scooter was not disclosed by them. A case to this effect was registered at Police Station Lodhi Colony and the Police Officer on duty immediately informed that Police Control Room and the Crime Record Office. After a few days, they informed the Police Station Lodhi Colony that they have received some articles by post. The Police Control Room, and Crime Re-

cord Office were again informed about it. This is not a case of robbery as reported in the Press. No police officer was found at fault.

Perquisites of the Members of Export Promotion Council

1688. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Promotion Council members are entitled for remuneration, allowances etc. for attending meetings of the Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The entitlement of the Members of the Council for remuneration, allowances etc., for attending the meetings of Committee of Administration, Executive Committee, working Committee, Managing Committee and their sub-Committees is regulated as per the provisions of the articles of association of the respective Export Promotion Councils. The position varies from Council to Council while in some of the Councils there is no provision for payment of any kind of remuneration, allowances etc. to the Members for attending the meetings, a few councils do provide for some sort of payment by way of out of pocket allowance in the nature of air fare etc.

1689. [*Transferred to the 2nd December,* 1988].

Competition in the Market of EEC

1690. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing serious competition in the market of European Economic Community from the developing countries;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to meet the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Competition in the international market is very severe. In the EEC, India is facing competition not only from developing countries but also from developed countries including those within the EEC. Despite this, India's export to EEC increased from 2803.71 crores in 1986-87 to 3954.94 crores in 1987-88. Measures taken to increase exports include implementation of Trade Promotion Programmes, participation in international trade fairs, exchange of delegations, buyer-seller meets etc.

Ninth Finance Commission

1691. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from certain States to the effect that their legitimate claims have been ignored by the Ninth Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Action against Government-run units for not taking pollution control measures

1692. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently ordered closure of some Government-run industrial units for failing to take pollution control measures; and